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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PLOS, EMIN, ENERG, TU
SUBJ: NO OIL FOUND AT FOCA DRILL SITE

REF: ANKARA 4894

1. ISMAIL KAFESCIOGLU, VICE PRESIDENT, TURKISH PETROLEUM CORPORATION, CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF JULY 20 THAT OIL DRILLING OPERATIONS OFF FOCA ON TURKISH AEGEAN COAST HAD RESULTED IN DRY HOLE. KAFESCIOGLU'S STATEMENT SUPPORTED GENERAL ACCURACY OF ARTICLE IN YENI ASIR JULY 19 WHICH AMCONSUL IZMIR BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF EMBASSY. IZMIR'S REPORT (IZMIR 274) TO EMBASSY
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IS QUOTED BELOW:

2. QTE: EREN GUNES, IN AN ARTICLE IN YENI ASIR ON JULY 19, REPORTED THAT THE DRILLING SHIP DALKEITH WHICH WAS PROSPECTING FOR OIL AT THE FOCA-I SITE IN TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS (SEE ANKARA 4894) FOUND ONLY VOLCANIC ROCK, DESPITE DRILLING TO A DEPTH OF 2500 METERS AT A COST OF TL 125 MILLION. EXPERTS

FROM THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATIONAL RESOURCES WHO VISITED
THE SITE STATED ON JULY 18 THAT IT WAS "EMPTY". MINISTRY
REPRESENTATIVE NEVSAT YILDIRIM NOTED, ON THE OTHER HAND,
THAT THE FOCA-I PROBE WAS A USEFUL EXERCISE IN TERMS OF FUTURE
OIL EXPLORATION. OYMAN SAYER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CONSORTIUM
OF FOREIGN COMPANIES WHICH HIRED THE DALKEITH, IS REPORTED
AS SAYING THAT NO FURTHER PROBES WILL BE MADE AROUND FOCA,
AND THAT A NEW DRILLING SITE WILL BE SELECTED "IN FIVE OR SIX
MONTHS". END QUOTE
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